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CLARK TO FIGHT REPEAL MEASURE

Bitter Contest Renewed in
House of Representatives
Today.

ATTACK FLASH IN PAN.

Wilson's Supremacy Unshaken by
Statement of Speaker, Speeches of
Underwood and Others.

Washington, March 28.—The tolls
repeal battle was renewed in the
House today, the Administration
forces occupying a strategic position
because of the victory they won yester-
day in putting through a special
rule for the consideration of the re-
peal bill.

The House will swing into its
stride of debate this afternoon.
About seventeen hours yet remain in
which to discuss the repeal proposal,
and it is estimated that the vote on
repeal will not come before Tuesday
afternoon.

Unless there should be some unex-
pected developments, the Adminis-
tration will have a safe lead when
the final vote is taken.

Speaker Clark, whose statement
against the rule caused a rumpus
and accentuated the split in the
Democratic party over the tolls con-
troversy, has decided to make a
speech against the repeal bill. He
will take the floor Tuesday, accord-
ing to present plans, and probably
will be the last speaker heard in op-
position to the Wilson program.

Interest in the repeal fight seemed
undiminished today, and the atten-
dant was large, both upon the floor
and in the galleries.

Washington, March 28.—President
Wilson triumphed by a safe margin
in his first battle with recalcitrant
Democrats of the House yesterday,
and from the predictions made by
his leaders he will win his tolls
fight by a wider margin when the
final test of strength comes.

The bitter assault made by Speaker
Clark upon the advocates of repeal
failed to shake the strength of the
Administration. It proved to be a
futile flank movement, a flash in
the pan, a rocket bursting in mid-
air.

That was the sum total of the ef-
fect of the Speaker's attack, in so
far as it bore upon the votes cast
yesterday. It was the first break be-
tween the Speaker and the Presi-
dent.

Two votes demonstrated the Presi-
dent's commanding influence with
his party in Congress on the first
test, a motion to end debate and pre-
clude amendment on the rule, car-
ried by a vote of 207 to 176; the rule
itself was adopted by 200 to 172.

Nothing to compare with the scene
had occurred in the House since the
famous Cannon rules fight four
years ago. In vain Representative
Underwood took the floor and urged
his colleagues to vote against the
rule. The rank and file Democrats
after listening to three hours of
passionate argument, swung into the
President's column, 199 of them vot-
ing to prevent the amendment of
the special rule, while only 55 fol-
lowed the leader in going with the
minority in opposition.

NEGRO PUT TO DEATH.

Walter Boyd Forfeits Life for Kill-
ing One Benjamin Franklin.

Richmond, March 28.—Walter
Boyd, a Richmond negro, went to his
death in the electric chair here yester-
day for the murder of Benjamin
Franklin, another negro, who was
killed December 13.

Boyd was tried for his life in
hastings court here and sentenced
January 26 by Judge Richardson.
An ineffectual attempt was made
yesterday by men interested in the
doomed man to induce Governor
Stuart to spare the negro's life.

Mr. Stephen Taylor, who has been
quite sick at his home in north Pitt
street, is able to be out again.

WORKERS TO BE DISCHARGED.

"All Big Gun" Warships Cause 125
Gun Factory Men to Lose
Their Jobs.

April 9 has been announced as the
date for the dismissal of 125 employes
of the Washington navy yard, a pros-
pective decrease in the working force
which has been expected for some
time. This reduction does away with
the plan of each mechanic being laid
off for some part of the work period
to allow other men an equal chance
to earn a living.

While it is proposed to do away
with a method of providing for an
excessive number of workmen and to
place the operations of the navy yard
on a normal basis, providing a full
working period for each man, the new
arrangement is made with the expec-
tation that two breadwinners will be
provided for by the present Congress,
providing for the making of guns that
will provide normal work for the navy
yard gun factory.

Should Congress delay the passage
of the bill many furloughs will be
necessary in the working force. Should
Congress provide for only one bat-
tleship the reduction of gun mak-
ing work would probably cause a
further reduction in force. In the
remote possibility that Congress will
not provide for any battleship with
its guns a third of the working force
will have to find work elsewhere, which
it is believed, means leaving Washing-
ton.

The development of the all "big
guns" ship is responsible primarily for
the dismissal of 125 men who will lose
their jobs April 9. The new dread-
naught type of warship, though vast-
ly more powerful than the old-style
battleship, even of similar displace-
ment, has less than half as many
guns, it is explained. Consequently
there is less work at the navy yard
gun factory, where all the guns are
turned out.

The 125 men who will be discharged
April 9 will have two weeks' notice.
The selection of those to go will be
made by the master mechanics of each
shop, after consultation with the quar-
termaster and leadingmen.

FAMOUS VETERAN DEAD.

Col. Robert M. Stribling, One of Con-
federate's Heroes, Dies in Fau-
quier Home.

Colonel Robert M. Stribling, famous
Confederate veteran, for many years
prominent as a political leader, died
yesterday at his home, "Mountain
View," at Markham, Fauquier county.
Colonel Stribling is survived by his
wife, two daughters and one son. He
was an uncle of Mrs. K. W. Barrett,
of this city.

Colonel Stribling was one of the
most famous artillery officers of the
Army of Northern Virginia, and is
mentioned frequently in the battle re-
ports of the War Between the States.
His original command was known as
the Fauquier Battery, from the coun-
ty in which it was organized, but it
was soon called after the name of its
captain, and as "Stribling's Artillery."

After Second Manassas, Captain
Stribling was attached to the famous
battalion commanded by Major De-
aring, and served with Longstreet's
Corps. Accompanying the command
in the Suffolk campaign, Captain
Stribling was cut off from the rest of
Longstreet's men, and, after a desper-
ate fight, was himself captured. Several
of the cherished guns of his
battery, the pride of the corps, were
also taken by the Federals.

When Captain Stribling was ex-
changed, he reorganized his command,
and was presented by the government
with six magnificent Napoleon guns,
the best that could be procured at the
Richmond Arsenal. These guns his
men carried with them during the
Gettysburg campaign. Captain Stribling,
himself, from a strategic posi-
tion on the Confederate line, led in
the artillery duel which preceded the
memorable charge of Pickett's Divi-
sion.

Returning to Virginia with the
army, and promoted for his splendid
valor, he served in the defense of Pet-
ersburg, and was with his command
until the end of the war.

Since that time he had resided in
Northern Virginia, where he has been
active in public life.

Steamed Hard Shell and Deviled
Crabs, and Cherrystone Clams at
the Rammel Cafe daily.

GOVERNOR VETOES POWER OF BOARD

Disapproves Bill, Which Ex-
ecutive Calls Misleading
And Void.

IN BEHALF OF ALLENS.

Attorney General Holds Measure Un-
constitutional Even With Senate
Amendment Tacked to it.

Richmond, Va., March 28.—On the
ground that it was plainly unconsti-
tutional, misleading in its title, and
an improper effort to divert the pow-
ers of the executive, Governor Henry
C. Stuart yesterday vetoed Senate bill
442, which authorized the board of
directors of the State Penitentiary to
parole prisoners after they had served
three years of their term. In an
extended written opinion, Attorney-
General John Garland Pollard not only
holds that the bill is unconstitutional
with act of 1914, under which the pris-
on board has released hundreds of
convicts after they had served one-
half of their sentences.

The bill in question, while general
in its application, is alleged to have
been drawn and introduced at the in-
stance of the sympathizers of the
Allen outlaws, who hoped in this in-
direct way to secure the release of
those now in the penitentiary after
they had served three years out of
terms varying from eighteen to thirty-
six years. The "joker" was caught
in the Senate by Senator B. F. Buch-
anan, of Smyth county, who secured
adoption of an amendment exempting
from operation of the proposed act
those convicted of murder in the first
degree, criminal assault or highway
robbery. Had the bill been approved
the three-year clause would have been
applied to those convicted of attempt-
ed criminal assault, embezzlement, at-
tempted murder, insurrection, treas-
on, perjury, abduction, arson, betray-
al, kidnapping, bribery and to many
other crimes for which the statutory
punishment varies from ten to eight-
een years in the penitentiary.

The bill was actively supported on
the floor of both houses, of the Gen-
eral Assembly by the penitentiary
board, at least one member having
actively lobbied in its behalf before
and after the adoption of the Buch-
anan amendment. The effort further to
usurp the powers of the executive
has resulted not only in the veto of
the bill itself, but in the careful study
of the authorities by the Attorney-Gen-
eral, leading to the announcement that
the present parole law under which
prisoners are released conditionally
after having served half of their
terms, is unconstitutional and void.
Since these releases were made in
good faith, under an act supposed to
be valid, it is believed that they can-
not be questioned, and that those pris-
oners released cannot be brought back
to serve out their sentences unless
their paroles are violated, but in the
future, under the opinion of the At-
torney-General, only the Governor can
pardon, commute or parole a prisoner
who has been sentenced to prison for
a definite term by due process of law.

Notice to Gas Consumers.

Gas Bill for quarter end-
ing March 31, 1914, having
been delivered, this is to no-
tify all gas consumers that
all bills paid on or before
April 1, 1914, are entitled to
discount of 30 cents per
thousand cubic feet. After
that date no discount will be
allowed and all delinquents
will be required to make
early settlement.

By order of Committee on
Light.

J. B. WALLER,
Clerk of Gas.

Steamed Hard Shell and Deviled
Crabs, and Cherrystone Clams at
the Rammel Cafe daily.

AT THE CHURCHES.

At the morning service in Trinity
Methodist Church tomorrow Rev. G.
A. Luttrell, pastor, will preach on the
subject, "When Gifts are Acceptable
to God." At the evening service, at
7:30, his subject will be "The Abundant
Life—What it is and How it May
be Had."

Tomorrow night at St. Mary's Cath-
olic church by Very Rev. Robt. A.
Skinner, C. S. P., of St. Thomas' Col-
lege Catholic University, Washington,
D. C., will preach. Regular Lenten
services on Wednesday and Friday eve-
nings at 7:45 and on Thursday at-
tention at 3:30 will be held.

Rev. Berryman Green, of the Theo-
logical Seminary, will preach at the
morning service in Christ church to-
morrow.

The morning sermon of the Rev. W.
F. Watson, D. D., pastor of the First
Baptist church will be on the sub-
ject, "What Kind of Pastor Do You
Want?"

At the Second Presbyterian church
Rev. John Lee Allison, the pastor, will
preach in the morning and evening.
Sunday school will be held at 9:30
A. M., when the children will make an
offering for Foreign Missions. Men's
Bible class will be held in West-
minster building at 10 A. M.

Rev. C. R. Strausburg, pastor of
the Methodist Protestant church, will
conduct the closing services of the
conference year tomorrow. At 11 A.
M. he will deliver a sermon on "A
Prophet's Exhortation." The congrega-
tion is urgently requested to attend
this service. At 7:45 P. M., a musical
program will be rendered, each num-
ber to be illustrated by beautiful
slides. The public is cordially invited
to attend.

Christ Church.

Rev. William J. Morton, rector.
Sunday school 9:30 a. m. Services at
11:00 a. m., and 7:30 p. m.

Grace Church.

Rev. Edgar Carpenter, rector. Ser-
vices at 11:00 a. m., and 7:30 p. m.
Sunday school 9:30 A. M. Holy Com-
munion 7:30 a. m.

St. Paul's Church.

Rev. P. P. Phillips, rector. Sunday
school 9:30 a. m. Services at 11:00
a. m., and 7:30 p. m. Holy com-
munion 7:30 a. m.

Second Presbyterian Church.

Rev. J. L. Allison, D. D., pastor.
Sunday School, 9:30 a. m. Services,
11:00 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.
Young men's service in West-
minster Building at 3:30 o'clock.

Lutheran Church.

Rev. C. F. Brandt, pastor. Services
at 11 a. m. Sunday school at 9:30
a. m.

First Baptist Church.

Rev. W. F. Watson, pastor. Sun-
day school at 9:30 a. m. Services at
11:00 A. M. and 7:45 P. M.

Second Baptist Church.

Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.,
George K. Bender, superintendent,
Services and sermon at 11 a. m., and
8 p. m.

Infant Baptist Church, 1014 Prince
street, Rev. A. T. Lynn, pastor. Ser-
vices and preaching at 11 a. m., and
7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 2:30
p. m.

Catholic Church—Mass Sunday at 7
o'clock; children's mass, 9 o'clock.
Sunday school 9:30. High mass and
sermon 10:30. Baptism, 3:30. Even-
ing service and benediction at 4
Mass every Sunday morning at 9
o'clock at Mt. Ida (St. Rita's chapel).
Sunday school 2:30 p. m.

Methodist Episcopal Church South.

Rev. J. W. Duffey, pastor. Sun-
day school 9:30 a. m. Epworth Lec-
gue services at 7:00 p. m. Services
and sermon at 11:00 a. m., and 7:30
p. m.

Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church.
Rev. G. A. Luttrell, pastor. Sab-
bath school, 9:30 a. m. Services at 11
a. m., and 7:30 p. m. Epworth Lec-
gue at 7:00 p. m.

Methodist Protestant Church.

Rev. C. R. Strausburg, pastor.
Services at 11:00 a. m., and 7:30 p. m.
Sunday School, 9:30 a. m., Christian
Endeavor 6:45.

Free Methodist Church, 424 S. Lee
Street. Preaching at 11 a. m., and
7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m.
Prayer service at 7:30 p. m., on
Thursday.

Steamed Hard Shell and Deviled
Crabs, and Cherrystone Clams at
the Rammel Cafe daily.

VILLA VICTOR DESPERATE FIGHT

Forces Way Into Gomez Pa-
lacio in Three Desperate
Attacks.

LEADS THE LAST RUSH.

Final Struggle in Streets of Town
is a Blind Delirium of Slaughter—
Odor of Blood.

Gomez Palacio, Mexico, March 28.
—Four days of fighting, including
three desperate assaults by the rebels,
were crowned with successes yesterday,
when Gen. Francisco Villa moved into
the city and established his headquar-
ters on that side of the town looking
toward Torreon, and within three
miles of that great goal of the cam-
paign.

The final and deciding assault was
delivered Thursday. It was preceded
by a bombardment, after which the
infantry and cavalry dashed into the
streets. Rifles, machetes, pistols and
hand grenades were used in 100 dif-
ferent encounters in the narrow thor-
oughfares. The grenades of home-
manufacture, were lighted with the
cigarettes which are an unofficial part
of the equipment of every Mexican
soldier.

General Villa does not yet know his
own loss, except that it was heavy.
The wounded suffered terribly from
thirst, and may die for the lack of
water and surgical attention.

The dead of both sides were ming-
led in the streets or found huddled
under the piles of earth which had
once been adobe houses or corrals
wrecked by rebel shells. Veterans
say that no more furious battle ever
was fought in Mexico. It was a delir-
ium.

The day was hot and the air fairly
smelt of stale blood.

PRESBYTERIAN NOTES.

The following officers were elect-
ed at the last meeting of the Help-
ers of the Second Presbyterian
Church: President, Miss Lizzie Slay-
maker; Vice-President, Mrs. Piser;
secretary, Miss Martha Lee Allison;
treasurer, Miss Sadie Feild; corres-
ponding secretary, Miss Laura M.
Allison, and secretary of literature,
Mrs. Warthen.

The Lavras Missionary Society
elected the following as officers for
the ensuing year: Mrs. A. G. Uhler,
President; Mrs. Wm. Campbell,
Vice-President; Miss Irene Gentry,
Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. W.
A. Moore, Sr., Treasurer, and Mrs.
P. Aitchison, Librarian.

A novel and interesting entertain-
ment will be given next Tuesday
evening, March 31st, in the West-
minster Building. Washington talent
will be here and present the "Tom
Thumb Wedding." A large attend-
ance is expected to greet those who
take part in the program.

DEATH NOTICE.

Died—At his residence, 1102 King
street, at 8:20 P. M., Friday, March
27, 1914, J. CARLIN CREIGHTON,
son of the late John T. and Mary
Creighton, aged 66 years. Funeral
from his late residence, Monday 2 P.
M., March 30th. Friends and ac-
quaintances invited to attend.
(St. Louis papers please copy.)

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Albert Morfon Rainey, six-year-old
son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A.
Rainey, died yesterday afternoon at
the home of his parents, 305 north
Patrick street, after a ten days' ill-
ness of inflammatory rheumatism.
His funeral will take place Monday
at 2:30 o'clock from Grace Episcopal
Church, and will be conducted by the
Rev. Edgar Carpenter, rector.

DEATH NOTICE.

DIED—At his residence, Hotel
Fleischmann, Friday, March 27,
12:15 P. M., CHARLES FLEISCH-
MANN, in the 69th year of his age.
Funeral from St. Mary's Catholic
Church, 9:30 A. M., Monday, March
30th. Friends and acquaintances
invited to attend.

LKS' VISITATION.

District Deputy Visits Charlottes-
ville and Clifton Forge.

The Charlottesville Progress yester-
day says:
"An event of interest in Elksdom
took place last night when an official
visit to Charlottesville Lodge No.
389, was made by Mr. Robert S.
Barrett, district deputy grand exalted
ruler for the Western district
of Virginia. A large number of the
members was present to welcome the
grand lodge officer and the degree of
the order was conferred by Dr. J.
S. Yates, Exalted Ruler.

The district deputy made an ad-
dress during which he complimented
Charlottesville Lodge upon the progress
that it has made during the
past year and the position it holds
among the lodges of the State. He
spoke of the growth of the order
in Virginia and briefly outlined
some of the features of the organiza-
tion which have been responsible
for its phenomenal development.
Mr. Barrett will conclude his of-
ficial visits at Clifton Forge to-
night. He is from Alexandria and is
the editor and publisher of the Alex-
andria Gazette.

THE FRANK CASE.

Friends Claim Condemned Man Can
Establish an Alibi.

Atlanta, March 28.—In the notice
for a new trial filed by counsel for
Leo M. Frank now under sentence
of death for the murder of fourteen-
year-old Mary Phagan, three wit-
nesses are named who, it is claimed,
will establish a positive alibi for
Frank. Several others are to testi-
fy to the alleged "shaping" of tes-
timony by Solicitor Dorsey and
State detectives, while others will
give testimony tending to throw sus-
picion on Jim Conley, the negro who
was the chief witness against Frank.
Positive declarations that they saw
Frank at the corner of Whitehall
and Alabama streets between 1:03
and 1:05 o'clock on the afternoon of
the murder are made by Samuel A.
Pardee, salesman for the Cotton
States' Belting and Supply Com-
pany; a Mrs. Jaffe and Mrs. Ethel
Harris Miller, all of whom are ac-
quainted with the prisoner. Conley
testified that he left Frank in his
pencil factory at 1:30 o'clock on that
afternoon.

Mary Rich, a colored woman, who
conducts a small restaurant, de-
clares she saw Conley coming from
the rear of the factory at about 2:15
on the afternoon of the murder.
Conley swore he left the factory by
the front door at 1:30 and went
home. The Rich woman says she
saw Conley a dinner and that he
then went back to the factory by
the way he had come. This is held
to explain the mystery of the
broken lock on the back door of the
basement of the building.

C. Bruts Dalton and Marie Karst,
who gave damaging testimony re-
garding Frank's conduct with girls
in the factory, now admit that they
were intimidated by the solicitor
and detectives for the prosecution.
Others of the State's witnesses have
made similar admission.

The statement of Dr. H. F. Harris
that careful microscopic examina-
tion of the strand of hair found on
a lath on the second floor of the
factory was entirely unlike that of
the murdered girl, also forms an
important part of the motion for a
new trial.

New York, March 28.—William J.
Burns, the detective, left last night
for Atlanta, Ga., where he is to
make a complete report of his inves-
tigation of the murder of little Mary
Phagan, for which Leo M. Frank, a
former Brooklyn boy, has been sen-
tenced to be hanged.

It was reported that Burns had
discovered at least one new and im-
portant witness in New York.
Burns was silent when questioned
about his plans.

He admitted, however, that he
had been devoting all of his time to
the Frank case for several days. He
admitted that his trip here had been
even more successful than he had
hoped for, but refused to discuss
what he had accomplished.

May 1 has been designated as
Stonewall Jackson Monument Day
throughout Virginia, for the pur-
pose of subscribing by private dona-
tions funds to erect a memorial to
the Confederate leader in Rich-
mond.

STUART SIGNS FEE REFORM BILL

First Statute to Limit
Amounts Paid to Officers
in Virginia.

CARRIES AMENDMENT.

New Law Will Not go Into Effect in
Capital City Until End of Present
Term of Incumbents.

Richmond, Va., March 28.—Govern-
nor Stuart yesterday signed the West
fee reform bill, the first statute ever
put on the books in Virginia placing
a limit on the amounts fee officers
may receive for their services, or
providing for any method by which
the taxpayers might learn what the
officials get. The bill was a compromise
measure, and comes very far from
meeting the wishes of those ad-
vocating fee reform. The limit has
been set so high that comparatively
few officers will be affected, the chief
value in the bill as passed being in
provision for publicity.

Amendments secured by the Rich-
mond delegation provide that City
Treasurer, James B. Pace, may receive
\$7,500 per year, and that the bill will
not take effect as to officials in this
city until the end of the terms for
which they have been elected. As the
court clerks have recently been re-
elected for eight-year terms, and other
fee officers elected last year for
four-year terms, which they have just
begun to serve, it will be seen that
save for the feature requiring a
report of their receipts from the public,
the bill will have no immediate
effect. The bill provides a maximum
allowance for fee officers from \$6-
500 in cities having a population of
60,000 or more down to \$4,000. Fees
over and above the maximum are to
revert to the treasury.

The meat of bill is in section 3, which
requires all fee officers annually with-
in fifteen days after the close of each
anniversary of the beginning of the
terms of their respective offices to file
with the auditor of public accounts a
full and accurate statement, showing
all such fees, allowances, commissions
and salaries collected, and a like
statement of such fees, salaries, com-
missions and allowances chargeable,
but not collected.

Statements filed with the auditor of
Public Accounts under the act to be
referred to a special commission, con-
sisting of the Governor, Auditor of
Public Accounts and State Account-
ant, who shall serve on the commis-
sion without compensation. It is the
duty of this commission to study and
compare them, and to report to the
next session of the General Assembly
whether such offices are economically
administered, what compensation
should thereafter be paid, and how
many deputies or assistants, if any,
are necessary to the efficient per-
formance of the duties of said officers,
and what compensation should be al-
lowed such deputies and what allow-
ance should be made for expenses. An
amendment provides that the act, in
so far as it refers to maximum allow-
ances to the fee officers, shall not take
effect until January 1, 1916.

JUBILEE CELEBRATION.

A jubilee celebration of the Wom-
en's Missionary Society of the First
Baptist Church, will be held tomor-
row night at 7:30 o'clock. A fine
musical program has been arranged.
The Rev. W. F. Watson, D. D. pas-
tor of the church, will explain the
meaning of the jubilee. The Rev.
T. D. D. Clark will deliver an ad-
dress on "Adoniram and Ann Jud-
son." Miss Kathleen Mallory will
deliver an address on "Twenty-five
Years in Royal Service" and Mrs.
Roy Winston, will read a poem en-
titled "Working Together With

SEPULTURE AT ARLINGTON.

Funeral services of the late Com-
mander J. F. Hubbard will be held in
the chapel at Fort Myer Monday af-